

REMARKS

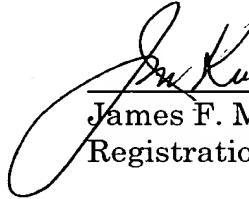
Claim 28 has now been made dependent on allowable claims 17 or 18. The application should now be in condition for allowance. Early action is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #05620350350).

Respectfully submitted,

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